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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 14-22, and 24 are amended and new claims 27-34 are added. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Schein et al. Applicant submits that all of the pending claims in this application are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference, and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Amended independent claims 1 and 14 include, among other limitations, "maintaining display of the first television program in the second area of the screen responsive to a first state of the activated display function, or replacing the display of the first television program in the second area of the screen with a display of a second television program represented by a selected second television program listing responsive to a second state of the activated display function;" and new independent claim 27 includes, among other limitations, "displaying the television program in the second area of the screen regardless of user selection of displayed list of television programs, responsive to a first state of the function, or replacing the display of the television program in the second area of the screen with a display of a second television program represented by a selected television program from the displayed list of television programs, responsive to a second state of the function."

Schein does not teach or suggest any of the above limitations. Schein discloses selecting a program from a display listing and displaying a preview of the selected program

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in a preview window and displaying the selected program in a program area. However, Schein does not teach or suggest "maintaining display of the first television program in the second area of the screen responsive to a first state of the activated display function, or replacing the display of the first television program in the second area of the screen with a display of a second television program represented by a selected second television program listing responsive to a second state of the activated display function," as required by claims 1 and 14, or "displaying the television program in the second area of the screen regardless of user selection of displayed list of television programs, responsive to a first state of the function, or replacing the display of the television program in the second area of the screen with a display of a second television program represented by a selected television program from the displayed list of television programs, responsive to a second state of the function," as required by claim 27.

As a result, independent claims 1, 14, and 27 are not obvious over Schein. In short, the independent claims 1, 14, and 27 define a novel and unobvious invention over the cited references. Remaining dependent claims 2-13, 15-26, and 28-34 are all dependent from their respective independent claims and therefore include all the limitations of their respective independent claims, and additional limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being dependent from allowable independent claims, and for the additional limitations they include therein.

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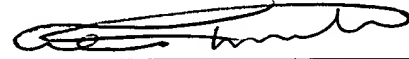
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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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